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Masao IWASE et al.)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER)
AND METHOD FOR)
MANUFACTURING A)
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER)

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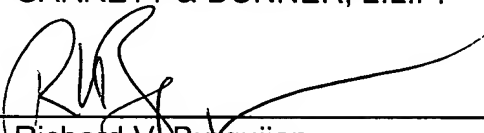
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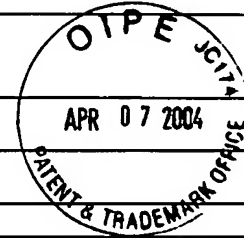
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